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OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY**

OFFICIAL COMMENT

TO: Indiana Department of Environmental Management, fax 317.233.5517

FROM: League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County, WISCONSIN

RE: Federally mandated water quality rule proposed for Indiana

DATE: January 28, 2010

Lake Michigan is THE source of drinking water for millions of people, a place of recreation, including fishing, and source of joy and inspiration for those who live near its shores or visit this incomparable wonder. We cannot continue to permit discharges of sediments and pollutants of known negative health and environmental effects into the Lake. Hence the League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County urges retention of anti-degradation rules that disallow the following:

- new pollutants, including nano-particles
- increased phosphorus and sediment loads of any amount - zero additional loadings
- increased cumulative pollutant loads

The point of anti-degradation and restoration is exactly that --

- no further harm/degradation
- remediate the harm done to date to improve the quality of the resource

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